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## LIBERTY BELL.

High up in the tower it hung,  
Where the dust of ages clung,  
And the spider's dreary web,  
That deep-toned, graven bell,  
Holding in its silence sweet  
Fleeting of liberty complete,  
Stern command and promise sweet,  
All the waiting land to tell.

And the spire with life was vested;  
On the beams the pigeons nested,  
And the swallows swift infected  
All the eaves and niches high.  
Lifted faces of the tower,  
Winged notes of peace and power,  
Circling through each sunny hour  
From the dark bell to the sky.

Silent as a perfect musing  
Or a morose self accusing,  
Through the air a spell diffusing  
Sable as a spirit's breath,  
Hung the bell. And thus it waited  
While in council wrongs were stated  
And the patriots debated  
Themes of liberty or death.

Suddenly from the spire,  
Swelling fuller, clearer, higher,  
Bell notes, setting hearts a-fire,  
Broke the stillness of the tower.  
Shouting thousands heard the pealing,  
And the windows of the tower  
Weave you from to go to  
The great day of the year.

For they knew by that clear token  
That the last long day was spoken,  
And the spire with life was vested,  
Cast aside the galling yoke,  
There was no more to be feared  
Of a people born to power,  
And from that high, lone tower  
Branched the tongue of the Liberty Bell.

Sarah B. Kennedy.

## The Fourth At Rustival.

Columbia was her name—Columbia Alpina. "I know it's queer," she used to explain, "for strangers, when they're introduced, always state at me as if I were some sort of foreigner—which I'm not, thank goodness! But it's the name I've got, and I'm going to try to live up to it."

So Columbia was nothing if not patriotic, and her name, however odd, didn't seem inappropriate. She had little to do with her name, but the national colors which she so persistently flaunted, for nature had printed the red, white and blue in dawn tints on her glowing face, and bright stars shone there, too, right out of the blue, to make all absolutely perfect. She was herself our country's fairest, truest emblem.

But patriotism was at a discount in Rustival, or Rustyville, as it was insultingly nicknamed by its bustling neighbors in Newburg, just across the lake. For Rustival was a sour, belated little country town, which had aspired to become the local metropolis and hadn't realized its ambition. I remember that when I went there to start a traveling show, the year of the preliminary survey for the Z. V. and W. R. R., it was impossible to get a rod of ground for love or money, so extravagant were the expectations of the villagers. But they had seen the railroad, and the county seat and all the other good things which they had accounted their own one by one slip from their grasp and tumble into the lap of their upstart rival. Thus Rustival, dwelling on its destiny, continually losing the more alert of its youth and retaining only those whose shallow, rustic conceits found scant encouragement elsewhere, had become the abode of peevish and cowering discontent, ripe for disloyalty. The whole country was going to the dogs—that was evident. A glance at their neglected street, weedy yards and the white paint scaling from a straggling line of houses was proof enough to this mind of the community.

Naturally, when the war with Spain broke out there was no enthusiasm. To be sure, Joel Slocomb, the local politician, made off to Washington to try for an appointment, but he soon came back and reported a general state of rotteness.

"Them Spaniards," he declared, "are going to lick us out of our boots, and I'm hoping it may do us good. Everything's all at sizes and sevens, and there ain't nobody gittin' any show except a rack of rich men's sons."

"Why don't you enlist in the ranks and serve your country that way?" demanded Columbia with characteristic aggressiveness. "I'd call that better business for a big, strong man like you than loafing about and grumbling here."

She had just entered the postoffice, where Joel was haranguing, and stood like an animated edition of the "Star Spangled Banner" on the edge of the crowd.

"Ketch me servin' under them ninncompoos!" roared Joel. "Better run home, little gal, and stick on a few more of them red, white and blue posies. You've got 'em out in yer pa's front yard. That's the way you gals fight for yer country, Clumby Alpin."

The men removed their pipes and snuffed approvingly. "Some day," she cried defiantly, as she turned away with a letter postmarked Newburg.

"Circumstances alter Cases," in case of dyspepsia, nervousness, catarrh, rheumatism, eruptions, etc., the circumstances may be altered by purifying and enriching the blood with Hood's Sarsaparilla. Good appetite and good digestion, strong nerves and perfect health take the place of these diseases. Hood's Sarsaparilla is America's Greatest Medicine and the best that money can buy.

Hood's Pills cure biliousness, sick headache. "It's strange," says the Manyank Philosopher, "that when a society bud makes her debut and is cultivated by the chaplains, she should be said to be popular with the smart set."

Even the news of the brilliant victory at Manila fell flat in Rustival.

"What happened so?" commented Joel. "Lately the Spaniards we've been looking for such fool dunn's way off 't other side o' nowhere. And what's the good of it? Should say we've had savitichs enough on our hands ready—specially with that gal ravin round in her war paint, makin' a walkin' husher pole of herself. Wouldn't mind givin her a few feathers, though, to help out. She's a corruptin all the gals in the village."

For Columbia had indeed succeeded in firing the maidens of Rustival with something of her own spirit. The war appealed to them; the element of romance had been sadly lacking in their lives. They organized a Soldiers' Aid society, held patriotic meetings, and sent flowers and dainties to the boys in blue in the volunteers' camp near Newburg. They also established a boycott against the disloyal youth of their own town, though the young men strenuously insisted that it was just the other way, and the boycott was the great thing. Anyhow, there was a great dearth of "parties," and "sparking" was at a standstill.

Then, as an offset to the hated volunteers at Newburg, these brave lads formed a company of "Home Guards." "For right here's where you go to be needed boys," asserted Joel, "and party soon too. Fancy them crazy gals! I'd haul in some of their striped togery when—once they see the Spaniards marchin' into town."

But when this devoted troop of defenders paraded the streets the girls scoffed at them openly, and from day to day the bitterness grew. Finally, as the Fourth of July drew near, the men unanimously voted that they would have no celebration. "It 'ud be just a farce and a humiliation at such a season as this," Joel assured them. "An ye better keep yer eyes peeled, boys, fer it's more'n likely they'll stir petticoats 'll be out for mischief."

And, in very truth, this blue eyed daughter of Revolutionary rebels and Scotch Covenanters was not the sort of girl to bear an insult tamely—least of all, an insult to her flag. And now a personal grievance was added, for some of the chivalrous bunnies had deemed it a clever joke to break into her garden at night, uprooting the flowers and trampling down the beds—"exactly what a drove of hogs would have done," she cried, with angry tears, when she saw it. This intemperance didn't tend to increase her popularity.

Following close on the heels of this feat of vandalism, the announcement of the no celebration resolution provoked a blaze of indignation in the Soldiers' Aid society, which was a fine display of fireworks in itself.

"That shows them for just what they are—mean spirited, cowardly traitors," broke forth the warlike president, her cheeks aflaming with indignation. "I don't wonder they sympathize with the Spaniards, for they ain't one bit more civilized, insulting women and sneaking about at night to get revenge! But two can play at that game, I guess, and if the men won't celebrate their own country's Independence day, we'll make a celebration ourselves, girls. I'd like to see them try to stop us."

So the rest of the afternoon was spent in plotting. Giant crackers and other fireworks were to be secretly procured and set off in various places at the first peep of midnight. The church bell was to be rung as usual, and two strong armed girls were detailed for this duty. One arduous dame undertook to pose possession of the Home Guard's big drum and beat it—"only I shall have to make up with Joe a little," she protested, puckering her lips. Others promised to blow horns and conchs. But the great act was to be the firing of the cannon, and this the adventurous Columbia reserved for herself.

"They'd never believe we could do that, but I've watched them lots of times, and I know we can. I shall want you, Hilda Grah, to hit the drum, and you, Mamie Miller. The three of us can manage it, I'm sure."

This cannon was a rustic relic of the Mexican war procured from the government for Fourth of July purposes in the days when Rustival was a thriving town. It was kept housed in an open shed at the top of a slight rise of ground just outside the village. "We won't try to move it off, if right where it stands."

At last the night of great events had come to be signalled by a new revolt against overbearing tyranny. All Rustival was asleep—apparently—except Joel Slocomb, who uneasily paced his porch and listened at the gate, still haunted by vague apprehensions about "them striped petticoats."

Suddenly the still moonlight was marred by the sharp crash of a bell; peal after peal rang out with crashing and discordant precipitancy like a fire alarm. Then there burst forth an unearthly shrieling and squawking of horns and conchs, and simultaneously a spluttering and banging of firecrackers at all dimmed into Joel's eyes. The street, to be greeted by the hissing rush of a mounting rocket, and the meteoric glare as it exploded and spilled downward its shower of party colored sparks which showed him that the afore-said "striped petticoats" were abundantly in evidence. A moment later came the roar of the cannon from the hill, joining the ear and rattling all the window panes with its blinding concussion.

Meanwhile the fair artillery corps were standing in terrified triumph by their fuming gun.

"I thought I was just blown to atoms," screamed Mamie, still dancing about.

Lucky you didn't stay behind it, Clumby. That was a real cute idea of yours to set it off with a firecracker. See, it's kicked a hole right through the back of the shed!"

"And isn't it swell perfectly awful?" cried Hilda, exulting.

"I'd rather hit the wall of heaven."

## He Fooled The Surgeons

All doctors told Renick Hamilton, of West Jefferson, O., after suffering 18 months from Rectal Fistula, he would die unless a costly operation was performed, but he cured himself with five boxes of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, the surest Cure on Earth, and the best Salve in the World. 25 cents a box. Sold at Vaughan's Pharmacy.

"Do you think I could get better results," queried the visitor, said, "if I burned the midnight oil?" "Well," replied the editor, kindly, "but I think the results would be better if you burned your work over the midnight oil."

## LAUREL IN ASHES

LARGEST TOWN IN SUSSEX BURNED—15 ACRES

At 2 o'clock Saturday morning an explosion or a pistol shot aroused some of Laurel's citizens who at once gave the alarm of fire—a fire which before it was put out had completely destroyed 62 stores, 28 residences, 33 stables, or 120 buildings. The loss has been estimated from 25,000 to 40,000. The insurance was insignificant being estimated at about 40,000. Because of lack of water works and fire facilities the insurance rate was from 3 to 5 per cent., hence the small number insured. The whole business part of the town is burned including the two hotels, the new bank opened last year, the post-office with many fine residences. There were 31 families rendered homeless by the flames and 60 business houses and offices destroyed, besides 22 granaries and large barns.

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The exact list of properties in the path of the fire's sweep is as follows:

Laurel House, L. G. Johnson; building \$6,000; contents, \$5,000.

Sussex Land Title and Trust Company; building, \$6,000; contents, \$25,000.

F. M. Hearn, millinery; building, \$2,000; contents, \$2,000.

Dr. Edward Fowler, druggist and state insurance commissioner; building, \$3,000; stock (not saved), \$1,000.

Union Store Company, H. B. Hitch; building, \$1,000; stock, \$2,000.

John Thawley, confectioner; building, \$500; contents, \$500.

S. F. Smith, hardware; building, \$8,000; contents, \$8,000.

Ira Melvin, butcher; stock, \$300.

Oliver Cordery, clothing; stock, \$3,000.

Miss Lizzie Hearn, millinery; stock, \$300.

John H. Fooks, grocer, \$1,500.

J. H. Cuthage, confectioner, \$800.

Harvey Hitchens, barber; building, \$2,000; contents, \$300.

Post office, George E. Smith, postmaster; building, \$1,000; stock, \$1,000.

Charles G. Atwell, jeweler; building, \$1,000; contents, \$800.

The building of W. L. Torbert, \$3,000, and containing the stores of E. & M. R. Riley, millinery, \$500; Mrs. Julia Phillips, millinery, \$2,000.

Building of John R. Wilson, \$2,000, and containing the stores of John Hurst, Jr., harness, \$500; M. B. Hearn, grocer, \$4,000; J. M. Hinch, physician, \$300.

Building of D. J. Fooks, \$2,000; occupied by C. A. Hearn, grocer, \$2,000.

Wooten & Fooks, commission merchants, building, \$500; contents, \$1,000.

Store of D. J. Fooks, \$4,000, and dwelling of George E. Wiley, \$800.

Building of D. J. Fooks, \$300, and grocery store of E. E. Culver, \$400.

Building of A. J. Horsey, \$800; occupied by J. J. Larimer, pool rooms, \$500, and W. German, grocer, \$1,000.

Mrs. W. W. de Shields, residence, \$500; contents, \$2,000.

Miss Martha Hitch, millinery, \$1,500.

Two small houses, vacant, \$200.

Albert Bacon, dwelling, \$1,200; contents, \$500.

James Messick, dwelling, \$500; contents, \$300.

W. A. Austin, dwelling, \$1,000; contents, \$500.

George Wiley, granary, \$400; dwelling, \$800.

Building of H. B. Hitch, \$5,000, in which were the millinery store of J. E. Bostic, \$500, and M. E. Williams, \$400.

S. L. Parker, grocer; building, \$1,000; stock, \$1,000.

Three dwellings of W. J. Lloyd, \$700, and occupied by W. W. Records, \$150; Joshua Lloyd, \$100; John Schooley, \$100.

D. J. Fooks, new cannery factory, \$1,500; contents, \$2,000.

W. H. Lloyd, granary, \$100; stock, \$600.

Daniel Hearn, office, \$125.

Thomas H. Riggins, dwelling, \$1,500; contents, \$500.

Thomas H. Riggins, Jr., dwelling, \$500; contents, \$300.

Edward Taylor, dwelling, 2,000; contents, 1,000.

Cannon House, hotel, J. J. Callaway, building, 4,000; contents, 4,000.

W. H. Thomson, dwelling, 600.

George W. Pusey, dwelling, 2,000; contents, 600.

E. Wooten, justice of the peace, building, 200; contents, 300.

James E. Bostic, livery, 500; stock, 1,000.

N. Montgomery, notions, building, 600; stock, 1,000.

W. E. Thomson, shoes, building, 600; stock, 1,000.

Building of S. L. Kenney, 3,000, occupied by Bennett Brothers, general merchandise, 5,000.

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New building of T. C. Horsey, 8,000, and occupied by T. J. Waller, clothing, 2,000; S. L. Kenney, druggist, 3,000, and G. W. Pusey, clothing, 2,000.

Building of J. Dallas Marvil, 1,600; occupied by C. W. King, shoes, 2,000, and Representative W. F. King, clothing, 3,000.

J. W. Calloway, grocer, building, 1,200; contents, 1,200.

E. J. Richardson, store, 800; contents, 500.

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Two storehouses of W. H. Lloyd, 3,000, and containing stores of I. H. Walker, meats, 200; W. H. Lloyd, grocer, 800.

Office of Colonel W. T. Records, loss, 500.

Frank Pusey, dwelling, 800; contents, 300.

Hastings & Brothers, grocers, 1,500, and stock, 2,000.

Davis Brothers, marble, 150, and finished goods, 2,500.

C. W. Culver, barber, 200; contents, 150.

J. Dallas Marvil, jewelry, building, 300; unsaved goods, 500.

Thomas J. Phillips, bakery, 200; stock, 800.

W. W. de Shields, livery and stock barn, 500; stock, 800.

Fisher Penwell, dwelling, 500; contents, 600.

Livery and stock, club stables, 1,200, and 400.

W. E. Elliott, dwelling house, 1,500; stock, 400.

Ferdinand Goslie, dwelling, 300; contents, 300.

Residence block of John R. Wilson, occupied by John Hull, 400; Lizzie Robertson, 200.

Odell Magee, dwelling, 400; contents, 150.

Sidney Stully, barber, 150; contents, 150.

Vigilant Council, Junior Order American Mechanics' Hall, 1,000.

Town Hall and contents, 500.

From Glory to a Stew

General Boulanger's famous black horse, Tunis, so much admired by the Parisians in the days when "le brave general" was Minister of War and afterward, passed away in a rather inglorious fashion, according to the Westminster Gazette. After the flight of Boulanger the animal passed from hand to hand and finally ended up, among others, in a cab rank on the Place de Lille. Whether Paris, which has been called the Paradise of Women and the hell of horses, proved too much for Tunis, certain it is that in course of time he proved unequal to dragging a voiture through the streets, and was sold to M. Armand Deloge, a well known dealer in horseflesh, by whom he was duly slaughtered, cut up and sold for stewing purposes on the market place of Saint Anne.

Truths for Girls

Never mind about the dimples if there's sunshine in your smile. At least one little act of kindness a day and an easy pillow at night. Vacation planning is all right, but don't let the summer dreams interfere with spring-school duties. Neatness of dress first, and style may come as an afterthought. One frown a day when she's in her teens will wrinkle a girl's forehead like a crow's by the time she is 20. Try making yourself as agreeable to your mother as if he were some other girl's brother. It will pay to win his boyish confidence. How many thoughts a day for mother's comfort do you give?

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Does Not Say So The "Smithsonian Times" says that Congressman Hoffman months ago urged the appointment of Willis as census director.

Notice The "Times" does not say Mr. Hoffman urged Mr. Willis as Census Supervisor.

The Laurels Fire An account of the devastating fire at Laurel with the losses reported appears on our first page.

All have heard of the lack of water facilities at Laurel through among the largest and perhaps the wealthiest of the towns in the State.

Some Democrats are saying nothing against trusts, but are saving wood in that way, while others are saving wood by saying a whole heap.

Early Unity The Adickses having by the recent telegram of J. Edward Adickes to President McKinley relative to the appointment of William Michael Byrne, Esq., as U. S. District Attorney put themselves outside of possible recognition by the National Republican Party.

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Maryland postmasters affected by the reclassification by the Postoffice Department, to take effect on July 1st, are as follows: Increase—Berlin, from \$1,100 to \$1,300; Oakland, \$1,500 to \$1,600; Frostburg, \$1,700 to \$1,800; Princess Anne, \$1,300 to \$1,400; Westminster, \$1,300 to \$1,400; Laurel, \$1,300 to \$1,400; Rising Sun, \$1,300 to \$1,400; with the assistant's salary raised from \$100 to \$150.

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